GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1526
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EXPENDITURE ON ZOOLOGICAL PARKS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of zoological parks in different States and expenditure incurred in each of them during the last three years;

(b) the state of their management as on date;

(c) whether the Government proposes to invite private sector to participate in creating research facilities in zoological parks and upgrade them to international standards for the benefit of animals and the visitors; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) There are 206 large, medium, small, mini, rescue centres and circuses which have been recognized as zoos under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act in the country. The zoos are under the administrative control of the State Government, Trust, Municipal Corporation and Private persons and the expenditure on their maintenance is being incurred by the respective Zoo Operators. The Government of India is only maintaining the National Zoological Park at Delhi and the expenditure incurred during last three years is placed at Annexure - I.

(b) No zoo has complied with all the prescribed standards and norms under the Recognition of Zoo Rules, 1992 and therefore the zoos in the country have been granted conditional recognition on the basis of progress made in compliance of the Rules.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Annexure - I

Annexure as referred to statement (a) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1526 by Shri K. S. Rao on expenditure on Zoological Parks to be answered on 7.8.2006

Expenditure details of National Zoological Park, Delhi between 2003 to 2006

(Rs. In lakhs)

S.No.	Year	Plan expenditure	Non-plan expenditure
1.	2003-2004	214.88	317.13
2.	2004-2005	50.25	338.11
3.	2005-2006	89.00	328.67